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A METHOD FOR ANALYSING A  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONTAINING A  
VARIABLE SEQUENCE AND A SET OR  
ARRAY OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES  
THEREFOR (AS AMENDED)

THIS OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MAINTENANCE FEE PAYMENT**  
**BY PATENTEE AND REQUEST TO REFUND THE MAINTENANCE FEE**  
**PAYMENT MADE BY UNKNOWN THIRD PARTY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Patentee, Oxford Gene Technology IP Limited, has attempted to timely pay the 4<sup>th</sup> year maintenance fee payment on the above-identified patent. However the payment has been refused by the Maintenance Fee Division on the basis that it has already been timely paid.

The Patentee has been unsuccessful in determining the name of the party paying the maintenance fee on its patent. The Patentee has not itself paid the fee, nor have any of its agents paid the fee.


The Patentee respectfully requests that the maintenance fee payment which has been accepted by the USPTO on the above patent be returned to the paying party, on the basis that the fee was paid in error.

The Patentee also respectfully requests that the maintenance fee on its patent be charged to the Deposit Account of the law firm of the undersigned attorney of record, Deposit Account No. 23-0975.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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